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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

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Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

A
Budget appropriations for the biennium 2006-2007

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 2006-2007:

1. Appropriations totalling 3,798,912,500 United States dollars are hereby approved for the following purposes:

Section			*Amount (Thousands of United States dollars)*
Part I.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination		
	1.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	74 813.5
	2.	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	586 776.2
Subtotal			**661 589.7**
Part II.	Political affairs		
	3.	Political affairs	432 026.9
	4.	Disarmament	20 381.1
	5.	Peacekeeping operations	94 091.0
	6.	Peaceful uses of outer space	5 906.8
Subtotal			**552 405.8**

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Section			Amount (Thousands of United States dollars)
Part III.	International justice and law		
	7.	International Court of Justice	34 956.9
	8.	Legal affairs	42 289.4
Subtotal			**77 246.3**
Part IV.	International cooperation for development		
	9.	Economic and social affairs	157 930.9
	10.	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	5 056.8
	11.	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	10 791.9
	12.	Trade and development	111 091.6
	13.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	25 915.8
	14.	Environment	11 977.1
	15.	Human settlements	17 864.5
	16.	International drug control, crime prevention and criminal justice	31 527.8
Subtotal			**372 156.4**
Part V.	Regional cooperation for development		
	17.	Economic and social development in Africa	106 011.4
	18.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	71 858.1
	19.	Economic development in Europe	54 176.7
	20.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	94 630.4
	21.	Economic and social development in Western Asia	53 416.9
	22.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	45 622.0
Subtotal			**425 715.5**
Part VI.	Human rights and humanitarian affairs		
	23.	Human rights	83 088.4
	24.	Protection of and assistance to refugees	64 645.2
	25.	Palestine refugees	35 184.8
	26.	Humanitarian assistance	26 140.5
Subtotal			**209 058.9**
Part VII.	Public information		
	27.	Public information	177 302.5
Subtotal			**177 302.5**
Part VIII.	Common support services		
	28.	Management and central support services	511 375.8
Subtotal			**511 375.8**

Section		*Amount (Thousands of United States dollars)*
Part IX	Internal oversight	
29	Internal oversight	31 330.1
Subtotal		**31 330.1**
Part X	Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses	
30	Jointly financed administrative activities	11 178.8
31	Special expenses	92 798.0
Subtotal		**103 976.8**
Part XI	Capital expenditures	
32	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	74 841.3
Subtotal		**74 841.3**
Part XII	Safety and security	
33	Safety and security	190 131.4
Subtotal		**190 131.4**
Part XIII	Development Account	
34	Development Account	13 954.1
Subtotal		**13 954.1**
Part XIV	Staff assessment	
35	Staff assessment	397 827.9
Subtotal		**397 827.9**
Total		**3 798 912.5**

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. The budget for the biennium 2006-2007 amounts to 3,799 million dollars. Expected expenditure in the course of 2006 is 1,899 million dollars. The two-year budget will permit a full assessment on all Member States for 2006, in accordance with Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations. The Secretary-General, while adhering to the existing procedures regarding the annual assessment of Member States, is authorized to enter into expenditure of a first tranche, limited to 950 million dollars, as an exceptional measure. The General Assembly, in order to ensure the availability of resources for programme delivery, will act in response to a request from the Secretary-General, at an appropriate time, for expenditure of the remaining funds;

4. The total net provision made under the various sections of the budget for contractual printing shall be administered as a unit under the direction of the United Nations Publications Board;

5. In addition to the appropriations approved under paragraph 1 above, an amount of 75,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 2006-2007 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the library at the Palais des Nations in Geneva as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

B

Income estimates for the biennium 2006-2007

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 2006-2007:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States, totalling 427,355,200 United States dollars, are approved as follows:

Income section	*Amount (Thousands of United States dollars)*
1. Income from staff assessment	401 734.8
2. General income	20 867.0
3. Services to the public	4 753.4
Total	**427 355.2**

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, the sale of statistical products, catering operations and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications not provided for under the budget appropriations shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

C

Financing of appropriations for the year 2006

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the year 2006:

1. Budget appropriations consisting of 1,899,456,250 United States dollars, being half of the appropriation of 3,798,912,500 dollars approved for the biennium 2006-2007 by the General Assembly in paragraph 1 of resolution A above, plus 47,626,700 dollars, being the increase in revised appropriations for the biennium 2004-2005 approved by the Assembly in its resolutions 59/282 of 13 April 2005, 59/294 of 22 June 2005, 60/244 of 23 December 2005 and 60/245 A of 23 December

2005, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 3.1 and 3.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations,[1] as follows:

(a) 22,242,700 dollars, consisting of 12,810,200 dollars, being the net of half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium 2006-2007 under resolution B above, plus 9,432,500 dollars, being the increase in income other than staff assessment for the biennium 2004-2005;

(b) 1,924,840,250 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 218,242,100 dollars, consisting of:

(a) 200,867,400 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 2006-2007 in resolution B above;

(b) 17,374,700 dollars, being the increase in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2004-2005 approved by the Assembly in its resolutions 59/282 of 13 April 2005, 59/294 of 22 June 2005, 60/244 of 23 December 2005 and 60/245 B of 23 December 2005.

[1] ST/SGB/2003/7.